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SUBJECT: RUMOR TALK WITH SADAT

1. ITALIAN FONMIN RUMOR MET APRIL 29 WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MILESI WAS ONLY OTHER ATTENDEE. MILESI HAS AUTHORIZED HIS POLITICAL OFFICER TO PASS FOLLOWING REMARKS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY ONLY.

2. MILESI WAS STRUCK BY TWO POINTS IN SADAT'S PRESENTATION:
A) US POSITION ON ME. SADAT SAID AMERICANS "SHOULD MAKE THEIR POSITION CLEAR". HE DID NOT ELABORATE AND REMARK WAS MADE IN RELAXED MANNER. US, HE WENT ON, MUST FORCE THE HAND OF THE ISRAELIS. SADAT SAID HE IS UNCLEAR ABOUT GENERAL ISRAELI POSITION TOWARD PEACE. (COMMENT: UK AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS PRESENT AT RUMOR'S BRIEFING FOR EC AMBASSADORS LAST NIGHT, SAYS ITALIAN FONMIN GAVE IMPRESSION SADAT IS EXPECTING MAJOR USG ACTION TO RESUME PEACE PROCESS AND SEEMED IN NO RUSH TO GO TO GENEVA).

B) STRENGTH OF SALIM GOVERNMENT. THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION, SADAT IMPLIED THAT ONE OF HIS MAJOR CONCERNS IS THAT HE HAS
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A WEAK GOVERNMENT. HE WAS NEVER EXPLICIT, BUT IMPLICATION

WAS CLEAR. (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD
THIS JUDGMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SADAT.)

3. ON OTHER POINTS SADAT SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS.
HE MENTIONED PALESTINIAN QUESTION, NOTING THEIR NATIONAL RIGHTS
MUST BE ACHIEVED, AND SAID OF THE SOVIETS THAT BILATERAL
RELATIONS ARE IMPROVING BUT WILL NEVER BE BACK TO WHAT THEY
WERE.
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